

## Resource Action Identification Form

1. Name of Proposed Resource Action: Signage Program – Cultural Resources

2. Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:

a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical: Post regulatory and informational signs (including kiosks and trailhead interpretive displays) at various strategic locations within the Project Boundary to promote the protection of cultural resources.

b. Any physical or operational changes:  
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know  
If "yes," please explain: Placement of signs

c. Proposed start date and duration  
Start: February 2007  
Duration: indefinite – permanent signage

d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)  
☒ Inside ☐ Outside ☐ Don't know  
Please specify possible location(s) referring to the linked map (<http://orovillereicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate:

- 1) implement education/outreach program to inform the public of cultural resource values; and
- 2) increase enforcement to provide protection to sensitive cultural resources.

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f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s): The signage program is intended to reduce intentional and unintentional damage to cultural resources in the Project area. Monitoring of site condition and number of violations of

protective laws would be indicators of the success of the signage program. Specific performance goals have not been established.

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- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action: Study results have confirmed the presence of significant cultural resource values within the FERC Project 2100 boundary. This proposed signage program would be a relatively low-cost means of preserving and protecting those cultural resource values against vandalism, theft, and incidental damage; in addition, this program would provide a simple and effective means of informing the visiting public of the presence and importance of these resources. Implementation of a signage program would result in minimal capital and maintenance costs. Protection of cultural resource values within the Project 2100 boundary has been identified as a resource goal.

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- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:
- ☒ Land Use and Management
  - ☒ Recreation & Socioeconomics
  - ☒ Cultural Resources
  - ☒ Engineering and Operations
  - ☒ Environmental

**3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:**

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- d. Date prepared: August 19, 2003
- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: CRWG

**4. Resource Goals:**

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate:

C02.01 – Evaluate the need (i.e., project effect, significance of resource) and methods to provide protection of cultural resources;

C02.02 – Emphasize protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lie beneath the reservoir);

C02.03 – Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (e.g., sites exposed to potential damage during reservoir drawdown or through recreational activities);

C02.06 – Incorporate public education in any protection program;

C04.02 – Maximize the public benefits of the heritage values (cultural, archaeological, and historical) present in the project area;

C04.03 – Emphasize the appropriate access to and availability of cultural resource knowledge and information to the local community.

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- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal:  
This resource action proposal involves strategic placement of two types of signs throughout the Project 2100 boundary.

Informational signage would be aimed at increasing public awareness and appreciation for cultural resource values in the project area and would thereby increase understanding and appreciation of these resource values, and would also reduce incidental damage of sensitive sites. Enforceable signage would notify the public of legal restrictions and civil/criminal penalties associated with vandalism, theft, and incidental damage of cultural resource values.

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**5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing**

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s):  
CRE37b – Interpretation of historic mining and ranching sites;  
CRE38 – Public education to combat vandalism of sites; and  
CRE61 – Signage regarding the protection of cultural resources needs to be evaluated and appropriate signs erected at various areas in the State Recreation Area.

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- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address:  
Lake Oroville is a popular recreation area, and on-going recreation activity is resulting in intentional and unintentional disturbance to archaeological deposits and other cultural resource values within the Project 2100 boundary.

This issue must be addressed under CEQA and NEPA, and adverse effects to significant cultural resource values must be resolved under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Implementation of a signage program aimed at preservation/protection (enforceable signs) and public awareness (informational signs) would permit continued recreational use while reducing negative impacts on cultural resources.

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- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to: Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (Office of Historic Preservation 1997, with update for 2000-2005)

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